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1. GIVEN THE RECORD IN RECENT YEARS OF CANADIAN FORCE REDUCTIONS, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT ANY REPRESENTATIONS BY THE CANADIANS TO THE DUTCH WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN EFFECTIVE. IN VIEW OF THIS AND FACT CANADIAN DEFENCE REVIEW STILL IN PROGRESS, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EMBASSY TO URGE GOC TO APPROACH GON. WE DO, HOWEVER, SEE VALUE IN INFORMING THE GOC OF THE EFFORTS WE ARE MAKING VIS-A-VIS THE DUTCH IN ORDER TO UNDERSCORE OUR CON-

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